THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) The following ongoing projects in West Bengal are likely to be completed in the current financial year:

(i) *Railway Electrification*

Bandel-Katwa

(ii) *Dobling*

Aluabari Road to Kishanganj (31 km.)

(b) There is no such proposal at present.

Telephone tapping of Governor of Manipur

2616. SHRI W. KULABIDHU SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the telephone tapping of the Acting Governor of Manipur by 2 Army men of the 57 Mountain Division on 4th November, 1995 has been properly probed;

(b) what is the progress of the inquiry in this regard; and

(c) whether there is any linkage between the telephone tapping and the varying interests of Manipur and Nagaland regarding border areas and territorial integrity of Manipur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE AND DEPTT. OF DEFENCE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) Ministry of Defence has ascertained the facts from the Government of Manipur and the Army Headquarters. The Government of Manipur has intimated that on 4.11.95, the ADC to the Governor reported that at about 2 P.M., two persons were found near the telephone junction Box of Raj Bhavan in a very suspicious manner. ADC to the Governor requested for appropriate legal action. A case was registered against them in the police station based on FIR lodged by Raj Bhavan officials. The two men were taken into the custody and later they were handed over to army authorities on the orders of Judicial Magistrate 1st class Imphal.

Army Headquarters have informed that a telephone line was laid in 1993 on the specific request of the then Governor of Manipur who desired to have a direct telephone from the Army exchange in Raj Bhavan. Even after his departure, the line was not removed though the instrument was withdrawn. This was done to cater for any future eventuality of the use of the line. Its serviceability was also constatnly maintained by the Army. On 4.11.95, an Army Havildar and signalman attached to the Manipur Range Signal Centre were sent to carry out a routine check of the aforementioned telepehone line in the Raj Bhavan. They reportedly informed the security staff manning Gate No. 1 of the Raj Bhavan that they are Army linesmen who had come to check the telephone line. They carried with them only plier which was shown to the security personnel at Gate No. 1. They were not carrying any telephone or any other instrument which could have been used for bugging the telephone line of the Governor. They were reportedly permitted by the security staff to carryout their job. Perhaps, due to some misunderstanding, the two army personnel were apprehended and a case was lodeged against them with Police.

It appears that the incident has no linkage with any issue relating to border areas in Manipur and Nagaland or territorial integrity of India.

Pension cases of employees of Uttar Pradesh

2617. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken steps to get the pensions of retiring employees from State of Uttar Pradesh